

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

HALO CREATIVE & DESIGN	)	
LIMITED, a Hong Kong company,	)	
HALO TRADEMARKS LIMITED, a	)	
Hong Kong company and HALO	)	
AMERICAS LIMITED, a Hong Kong	)	
company,	)	
	)	Civil Action No. 1:14-cv-08196
<i>Plaintiffs,</i>	)	
	)	Judge Harry D. Leinenweber
v.	)	
	)	Magistrate Judge Susan E. Cox
COMPTOIR DES INDES INC., a	)	
Quebec corporation, CDI	)	
INTERNATIONAL, CDI	)	
FURNITURE,	)	
	)	
<i>Defendants.</i>	)	

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**COMPTOIR DES INDES, INC.'S MOTION TO EXCLUDE,  
IN PART, DAMAGES OPINIONS OF MICHAEL D. PAKTER**

Comptoir des Indes, Inc., a Quebec corporation, d/b/a CDI International and/or CDI Furniture ("CDI"), by counsel, respectively moves the Court to exclude certain opinions regarding damages proffered by the Plaintiffs' (collectively "Halo") expert Michael D. Pakter. In support of this Motion, CDI states:

1. On November 7, 2017, Halo served Mr. Pakter's Expert Report on Plaintiffs' Damages. Halo served Mr. Pakter's Supplemental Expert Report on December 22, 2017. The Supplemental Report revised some calculations found in the original report, but otherwise adopts the original Report. (Both reports are referred to collective as the "Pakter Report" and are attached hereto as **Sealed**

**Exhibits 1 and 2)** CDI also relies in part on Mr. Pakter's deposition transcript.  
**(Sealed Exhibit 3)**<sup>1</sup>

2. The Court serves a gatekeeping role to ensure expert reports contain relevant and reliable opinions that will assist the jury in its fact-finding duties. *Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, 509 U.S. 579, 589, 113 S. Ct. 2786, 125 L. Ed. 2d 469 (1993); *United States v. Parra*, 402 F.3d 752, 758 (7th Cir. 2005) ("At this point, Rule 702 has superseded *Daubert*, but the standard of review that was established for *Daubert* challenges is still appropriate."). Several categories of damages opinions in the Pakter Report fail the *Daubert* standards for admissibility. The Court should exclude those categories at trial.

3. The Pakter Report includes opinions on five different categories of damages, summarized as categories (a)-(e) below. CDI moves to exclude categories (b)-(d).

- (a) Halo's Lost Profits – CDI's Sales of (alleged) Infringing Products;
- (b) Halo's Lost Profits – Halo's Discontinued Products;
- (c) CDI's Sales Attributable to the (alleged) Infringement – CDI's Sales of Non-Infringing Products;
- (d) CDI's Increased Profitability from Use of Halo's Designs; and
- (e) CDI's Profits – CDI's Sales of Infringing Products.

4. The Copyright Act recognizes the first and last categories of damages, but not categories (b)-(d). 17 U.S.C. § 504.

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<sup>1</sup> The parties filed an Agreed Motion for leave to file their memoranda and exhibits under seal. (Dkt. 171)

5. Categories (b)-(d) lack supporting evidence, are speculative and unreliable, and should be excluded at trial.

6. CDI incorporates by reference its Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion to Exclude, in Part, Damages Opinions of Michael D. Pakter, filed concurrently herewith.

WHEREFORE, CDI moves the Court to grant this motion, exclude Mr. Pakter's opinions concerning, and any evidence offered by Halo in support of, claimed damages in categories (b)-(d) described above, and grant all other just and proper relief.

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Respectfully submitted,

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